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Municipal staff, Sencottah (pay)

* 2298 Q.—SRI M. S. SELVARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the new pay scales recommended by the Madras Pay Commission have been implemented to the Municipal staff of Shencottah in Tirunelveli district and other municipalities in Kanyakumari district; and

(b) if not, why?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (a) No, Sir. The matter is under consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Sir . . .

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The matter is under consideration and I do not know what supplementary question the hon. Member is going to put?

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Sir, let me explain it.

The scales of pay recommended by the Pay Commission were granted to the saff of all other municipalities except to the municipal staff of the Kanyakumari district. In fact, on a previous occasion, the Hon. Minister had stated when the Bill to extend the Municipal Act to the Kanyakumari district was under consideration, that they also would be granted the scales of pay recommended by the Pay Commission. May I know why it has not been given effect to for the last one year?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : The Government passed orders on 3rd October revising the scales of pay of the staff other than the teaching staff working in the municipality in areas other than the Transferred Area. On that basis, it is proposed to issue separate orders regarding the scales of pay with regard to the Kanyakumari Municipality and the Shencottah Municipality in the Tirunelveli district. Particulars about the existing scales of pay are being gathered and the revised scales of pay are being prepared and now it is under the scrutiny of the Finance Department.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know what exactly is the reason for the delay?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : I have already stated that the particulars are being gathered and that the matter is under the scrutiny of the Finance Department.

Fishing Port (Pannaikayal)

* 2350 Q.—SRI M. S. SELVARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal for developing the Pannaikayal in Tiruchendur taluk into a fishing port; and

(b) the steps taken to utilise the Norwegian aid for this purpose?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (a) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal for developing Pannaikayal estuary in Tiruchendur taluk by dredging the bar and channel and making the back-water an anchorage or canoes. Survey work is in progress and the estimates for dredging and maintaining the channel are expected to be drawn up in June 1962.

(b) The question of utilising the Norwegian aid for this purpose does not arise at this stage.

SRI M. S. SELVARAJAN : Is it not a fact that Pannaikayal estuary was proposed to be developed with the Canadian aid but was given up but the preliminary arrangements have been made. So, will not the Government think of the possibility of developing it with the Norwegian aid and give priority to it?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : I have no information about that.

Coral Reef (Tirunelveli district)

* 2353 Q.—SRI M. S. SELVARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the steps taken to remove the coral reef in Periatalai in Tirunelveli district?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : The Government have examined the question of removal of a suitable length of coral reef off the coast of Periatalai village in Tirunelveli district. As the estimates of expenditure for blasting of the coral reefs are very high, it has been decided that the work may be deferred till the Sethusamudram Project is taken.

SRI M. S. SELVARAJAN : I remember that on a previous occasion the Government promised to invite some of the experts from the foreign countries to that place and examine the possibilities of it. Has it been examined by the experts?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : The Government have examined the matter and found that the expenditure involved is rather very high.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Control of Infectious diseases

581 Q.—SRIMATHI S. HEMALATHA DEVI : கனம் ரெவின்யூ அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) தொத்து நோய்களை தடுப்பதற்கு என்னென்ன நடவடிக்கைகள் மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டன ?

(இ) தொத்து நோய்கள் பரவும் இடங்களில் ஹோட்டலும் ஒன்றுதலால் ஹோட்டல்களுக்கு ஏதேனும் விதிகள் தெரிவித்ததுண்டா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : A.—(அ) A statement[a] is appended.

(இ) Yes, the Madras Catering Establishment Act, 1958 and the Madras Public Health Act, 1939 and the rules issued thereunder.

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[a] Printed as Appendix XX at pages 1118–1121 infra.